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Prior application:

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Art Unit: 2853

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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) a  
( ) continuation application of:  
(X) divisional application of:

Pending Prior Application

Application No. 09/262,872 filed March 2, 1999

Title Fluid Ejection Device Having Mechanical Intercoupling Structure Embedded Within Chamber Layer

Name of applicant(s) Dennis W. Tom, Juan J. Hernandez

Assignment Reel/Frame No: 9906/0367 Dated: April 19, 1999

Copy of Application

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the drawings.  
(X) Enclosed is a Substitute And A Complete Specification.

Oath or Declaration

- (X) Enclosed is a copy of the prior Declaration (37 CFR 1.63(d)).  
( ) Enclosed is a newly executed Declaration (original or copy).

Foreign Priority - 35 USC 119

- ( ) Foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 has been claimed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) The certified copy has been filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed \_\_\_\_\_  
( ) A separate paper claiming direct priority to a foreign application is enclosed herewith. A certified copy of the foreign application will be provided in due course.

Relate Back - 35 USC 120

(X) Amend the specification after the title by inserting the following heading:

A1 --Cross Reference To Related Application(s)--;  
and add the paragraph:

A2 --This is a ( ) continuation (X) divisional  
of copending application number 09/262,872 filed on March 2, 1999,  
which is hereby incorporated by reference herein.

Inventorship Statement

- ( ) Delete the following named individuals as inventors in this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.53(b) as a result of a change in the claimed subject matter:

Appointment of Associate Attorney

- ( ) Recognize as Associate Attorney or Agent \_\_\_\_\_

Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) authorization is hereby granted by signature below of the Attorney or Agent of record  
( ) the Associate Attorney or Agent may not have the authority to appoint other Attorneys or Agents

Communications

- (X) Address all future communications to:

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Other Amendments

- (X) Before calculating the filing fee, amend the prior application as follows:  
(X) Cancel the following claims 12, 14-19 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes).  
(X) Enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment.

Fee Calculation

- (X) The filing fee is calculated below for (X) Utility ( ) Design

| CLAIMS AS FILED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY         |                     |                     |             |               |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| (1)<br>FOR   | (2)<br>NUMBER FILED | (3)<br>NUMBER EXTRA | (4)<br>RATE | (5)<br>TOTALS |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 39 — 20             | 19                  | X \$18      | \$ 342        |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS                                   | 7 — 3               | 4                   | X \$80      | \$ 320        |
| ANY MULTIPLE<br>DEPENDENT CLAIMS                     | 0                   |                     | \$270       | \$ 0          |
| BASIC FEE: Design ( \$320.00 ); Utility ( \$710.00 ) |                     |                     |             | \$ 710        |
| TOTAL FILING FEE                                     |                     |                     |             | \$ 1,372      |
| TOTAL CHARGES TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT                     |                     |                     |             | \$ 1,372      |

Charge \$ 1,372 to Deposit Account 08-2025. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 08-2025 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis W. Tom, et al.

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